SENATE RUSHES 10 BILLS TO PUSH WAR

Six Months | Pay to Kin of Victims of Disease or Wounds.

FIXES ARMY NURSE PAY

Grants Commutation of Quarters to Officers in the Field.

Special Despatch to THE SEX ASHINGTON, March 23,-The Senate concesiment of its apprehenover the developments at the front, and this spirit was reted in the quick action which followed ore), chairman of the Committee Military Affairs, that the morning hour be devoted to consideration of bills reported from his committee havto do with speeding up army or-nization and war supplies. Thus the man drive reached the Senate. In two hours the Senate passed the

ollowing bills: provide for relimbursement of expenses or flat per diem for ned men of the army travelling on under competent orders, made sarry by the insufficiency of the a day allowance under army

provide for the payment of six is pay to the widows, children or other designated dependent relative of any officer or enlisted man whose death results from wounds or disease the result of his own misconduct aking it retroactive so as to apply om October 6, 1917.

Philippine Officers' Bill.

Authorizing appointment of officers Philippine Scouts as officers in the itis or other local armed forces of Indippine Islands drafted into e service of the United States; in-nded to improve efficiency of Fili-no units in the army.

oviding for the restoration to former grades of enlisted men charged to accept commissions so s to preserve status with respect to to enlisted men in the army. commissions with their commissions expire.

Prescribing the personnel of the my Nurse Corps, authorizing the solution of one superintendent and many assistant nurses, nurses and nurses as may from time to needed; fixing compensation \$2.400 a year for superintendent 000 for assistant superintendents i directors, \$1,800 for assistant dirs. \$360 for chief nurses in addito pay of a nurse, \$780 for nurses three years, \$840 for second three s, \$900 for third three years, 60 for fourth three years and \$1,020 er twelve years service and an ad-ional \$10 per month when serving road, with thirty days a year leave th pay and thirty days sick leave;

penses when travelling. To provide quarters or commutation field and camps as well as to those at fixed posts. This bill corrects inequi-ties growing out of the old system which quarters or allowances were applied officers on duty in Washing-n and at permanent posts and deed them to officers not at fixed posts.

Loosens Reins on Army.

Removing the necessity of Senate confirmation of Presidential appoint-ments to fill vacancies in the Regular Army resulting from appointments to higher grades in forces other than the Regular Army by temporary pro-motions and appointments up to and including the grade of Colonel. To prevent interference with the

intended to protect homing while used by the military Suspending restrictions on the purchase and distribution of military stores and supplies; intended to facili-tate operations of quartermaster de-

To prevent the desecration of flag b. prohibiting its use in advertisements and trade marks. Members of the Military Committee are relicent as to the disclosures made

em at to-day's conference with the As Council with regard to the war regramme. They preserved discreet el-ter in regard to the specific details of auther delinquencies and deficiencies in the war enginery of the Administration. they conveyed the warning to their leagues that it was high time the agrees ceased giving attention to the ecoptimistic statements and claims Secretary of War Baker and his so led "Camarilla" of ex-pacifist advis-and looked on the war problem fairly inhiv as it actually stands.

it to day was the bill introduced by or Chamberlain at the request of the Marshal Gen. Crowder provider the drafting of the young menhave reached the age of 21 since 1, 1917, the date of the first draft, traing its passage Senator Chamber warned the Senate that before hired States got through with the of war, in view of the alarming is coming from the battle front total might be necessary to call out each in the age of 45.

The pending to this Senator Smith declared that the number of menhal as well as every other infantor of the war machine should red to-day was the bill introduced by

actor of the war machine should ed at the earliest possible date.

a more," said Senator Smith. and get some energetic driving some genuine administrative sack of our ordnance programme." remark was predicated on dis-information conveyed to the committee at the War Council There it had been explained to

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the Senators that the manufacture of needed heavy artillery was lagging frightfully. The reports were in the last degree unsatisfactory. The committee members were provoked to expressions of deepest indignation.

Not less lagging than the ordnance programme was the aviation project. The committee met the depressing reports of the faltering efforts of the Aircraft Production Board and the aviation division of the Army Signal Corps with frank expressions of anger.

In the War Council to-day Senator Thomas (Dem., Col.), one of the stanchest supporters of the Wilson-Baker administration and one of the Senators on the Military Committee who has stood behind Mr. Baker in all his reiterated optimism, virtually turned front. What Senator Thomas optimism, virtually turned front. What Senator Thomas told the War Council and his collectues regarding the decep-tion which has been practiced on the Congress and the people may not be printed. It can, however, be described as pertinent and forceful. as pertinent and forceful

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One of Secretary Baker's pet measures was howled down by a virtually unanimous vote when it was eponsored by Senator Hardwick (Ga.), who has persistently opposed the draft. The Baker measure was an amendment to the pending draft bill designed to release from

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the operation of the selective draft law
men passing the age of 31 years.
The idea had been flatly rejected by
the Military Affairs Committee in spite
of Servery House of Servery of Secretary Baker's plea for its adop-tion. The committee preferred to heed The committee preferred to heed the advice of Major-Gen. Crowder, who had publicly condemned it. Senator Hardwick made an eloquent appeal for its adoption. Afterward he cast the only vote for it.

Senator New (Ind.) gave notice to-day he would bring up his amendment to make permanent the operation of the present draft bill for the period of the present draft bill for the period of the war, which would practically guarantes the operation of universal military training of a compulsory character for doing his bit.

Military officers refused to be stamfained his majority. Every youth attained his majority under Senator over this report and other rumors of New's amendment would forthwith enter the military service of his country if he passed the physical tests.

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The same disturbing conditions pre-valled in the House. Sensational re-ports spread rapidly throughout the hall! and it was hard to keep half a quorum because of frequent rushing forth of members to get late newspapers and

Deery Gloom as Panicky.

Some members of the House Military Committee, taking their hope from yes-terday's conference with the War Council, were confident that the Allies would not meet disaster on the west front and that most of the present feeling was simply panic. Representatives Dent (Ala.) and Kahn (Cal.) shared this be-

Crago (Pa.) were frank in stating that they believed the War Department had painted the west front situation with undue optimism and that there was serious danger of an allied disaster there

GERMANY SOUGHT JAPAN PACT.

Negotiations Were Interrupted by Death of the Mikado.

AMSTERDAM, March 23 .- As an "interesting revelation" the Berlin Vossische Zeitung cites an article in the Elberfeld General Anzeiger by Baron von Zedlitz und Neukirch, leader of the Free Conservatives in the Prussian Diet, who says that before the accession of the present Emperor of Japan a Germano-Japanese treaty of friendship was very

Dr. Michaells, later Imperial Chan-cellor, who for a time was professor of international law in Tokic, collaborated of t

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WASHINGTON CALM; **CONFIDENCE GROWS**

Military Experts Unshaken in Belief That Allies Will Halt Attack.

FOE PAYING TOO DEARLY

Americans May Take Part in Special Counter Thrust to Stop Drive.

WASHINGTON, March 22 -- Colm confidence reigned here to-night among offi- | der cials and military experts despite reports that the British line had been plerced by the Germans. With these reports verging on the sensational and filling the capital at times with wild rumors of an allied disaster, officials from the President down, pinned their faith on the Aliles' ability to hold the Germans in check and determination was written in every countenance. The alarming reports reached their

height this afternoon when the flash came that Paris was being subjected to a bombardment. This at first led to a panicky feeling among come of the leg-islators, but its effect was to expedite islators, but its effect was to expedite some of the war legislation and arouse

cal standpoint.

They are convinced that the desperate German advance, with all its sacrifices in man power, may lead to an oppor-tunity to bring counter measures lead-ing to a decisive allied victory some than has been expected. Failure of an offensive of this magnitude, unparalleled since the war began, is regarded as certain to destroy the morale of the enemy to such an extent that a victory for the Allies can be brought alone coner than would have been possible had the Germane remained on fensive, which many here believed was their bost strategy.

The German announcement that their

The German announcement of the control of the runs from Hapaume and Peronne to Ham bears out the interpretations which military experts here have given to the reports concerning the first Teutonic thrust. This means have given to the reports concerning the first Teutonic thrust. This means that over a distance of about seventeen miles and to a depth of about six miles the Germans have wrested ruined villages or devastated areas from the British. The question arises as to whether this so-called success has been worth the heavy toll in lives and the price which the Germans have undoubtedly had to may for the advance. doubtedly had to pay for the advance. If the Germans have reached Bapaume they have penetrated about eight miles from the easternmost salient of the line.

The British, as experience in superior enemy forces. Reports indicate that they are making the Germans pay dearly for every foot of territory gained. The German massed formations are of fering splendid targets to the British

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in the exchanges over this treaty, the writer states. The sudden death of the Mikado, however, broke off the negotiations, Baron von Zedlitz says, but he adds that the possibility of their this eventuality by the use of a specially rnewal is in nowise excluded.

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There is no indication that the American sectors have been affected by the German drive. The penetration by the Germans is more than sixty miles from the nearest American sector. Geu. Pershing reported to the War Department to-day, but his report had no direct bearing upon the lighting in progress near St. Quentin.

Ordnance Burenu Reports Large .Increase in Facilities.

WASHINGTON, March 23. - Virtual com-WASHINGTON, March 23.—Virtual com-pletion of sixteen plants for the manu-facture of mobile artillery cannon for the American army was announced to-day by the gun division of the bureau of ordnance. In a memoradum to acting Secretary of War Crowell outning its work the division summed up its other accomplishments as follows:

Construction of smokeless powder plants in face of the necessity of doubling the present output. These are now un

n which Americans are understood to be 000,000 for plant facilities to manufac-

tion at Government expense of a plant hundred thousand upon a quick blow, for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen designed to be overpowering both beand its final conversion into ammonium cause of the masses of men used and nitrate

Construction now undertaken of a gan filing plant to cost approximately \$1,500,000 and the construction of five large shell filling plants to cost in the aggregate \$25,000,000.

By June of this year, the memoran-dum said, the division will have a staff of 1,500 officers and 10,000 civilians.

FORESEE BIG SETBACK.

S. Officers Belleve British skill.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The War they could not.

American army officers would hazard their confidence in the eventual repulse

All reports were taken to provide the Germans had staked lives by the the Germans had staked lives by the hundred thousand upon a quick blow, designed to be overpowering both beso because of the absolute disregard losses which marked its delivery.

There was evidence that seconed to bear out predictions that Germany was prepared to sacrifice 200,000 men in the effort. It was with man power in great masses and not gun power that the first lines of the British defences were pene-

The greatest shock ever buried at an army appeared, to observers here, to the Senate has unanimous have been met by the British with great bill allowing American

Military experts say such an effort as the Germans are making cannot be continued long. Every foot gained means added difficulties of transportation and the consequent slowing up of the forward movement. A day or two more of hitter registance, even including a further British retirement, it was thought, would see the impetus of the German thrust lost and its power dimin-The War Department is raising no ob-German thrust lost and its power dimin- The War Department is raising no obished. Then would come opportunities jection, for counter blows on a major scale. Affairs

WAR CROSSES SIDETRACKED. Daniels Objects to Americans Being Decorated.

special Despotch to The Ses skill. It seemed that the British had sailors to wear foreign desorations and will meet with a committee representative stopped the rush where they could and Secretary Baker has approved the plan, ling the Wisconsin Loyally Legion Mondaid withdrawn slowly before it where a group in the House practically such day. An attempt then will be made they could not. Their orderity retires coeffed in killing this bill to-day by the committee to triuse one of the ment. American officers believe, means ordering it placed at the foot of the members to withdraw from the race in defeat for the Germans in the end, calendar. Representative Shallenberger the interest of logicy.

information of the exact situation on the battle front where the British troops are under the German onslaught.

There has been no loss of British or- of Nebreska, who introduced the bill, ganization, it was pointed out, and every refused to press its passage. Likewize foot of ground surrendered has been a bill of Representative Authory of bought with blood.

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jection, members of the House Military Affairs Committee sale. DAVIES AND LENROOT WILLING

They Consent to Confer With Loyalty Legion as to Withdeawal.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Althoguh Davies, Democratic and Irvine L. Len-Senate has unanimously passed the root, Republican candidate for the lallowing American soldiers and United States Senatorial nomination. by the committee to twince one of the

